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SUMMARY: WITH TWO PRINCIPAL EXCEPTIONS, MAKE-UP OF THIRD PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT IDENTICAL WITH OLD. FOUR OF SEVEN MEMBERS OF JUNTA ARE OUT, HOWEVER, AND POSITIONS HELD BY SAME FOUR ON COUNCIL OF STATE MUST NOW BE FILLED. TWO OTHER COUNCIL OF STATE SLOTS, HELD BY "CITIZEN" MEMBERS, ARE ALSO APPARENTLY VACANT. END SUMMARY.

1. THIRD PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT HAS NOW BEEN SWORN INTO OFFICE. ONLY MAJOR CHANGES FROM MAKE-UP OF SECOND PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT ARE:

A) DEFENSE MINISTER FIRMINO MIGUEL HAS RESIGNED. FOR THE MOMENT, NO REPLACEMENT WILL BE NAMED, THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THIS OFFICE DEVOLVING ON PRIME MINISTER VASCO GONCALVES

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(AIDED BY MAJOR VITOR ALVES);

B) MINISTER OF MASS COMMUNICATIONS SANCHES OSORIO HAS ALSO RESIGNED--THIS MINISTRY TOO FALLING AT LEAST TEMPORARILY UNDER THE DIRECT RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PRIME MINISTER (AGAIN AIDED BY VITOR ALVES);

C) POST OF SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INFORMATION HAS BEEN CREATED TO RUN MINISTRY OF MASS COMMUNICATIONS UNDER DIRECTION OF THE PRIME MINISTER. COMMANDER CONCEICAO E SILVA, FORMER HEAD OF COMMISSION ON LIQUIDATION OF THE DGS/PORTUGUESE LEGION, HAS BEEN PLACED IN THIS POST (UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE FOR MASS COMMUNICATION LUIS DE BARROS STAYS IN PLACE); CONCEICAO E SILVA WILL REPORT TO VITOR ALVES.

D) POST OF UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE FOR TOURISM HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED IN MINISTRY OF THE ECONOMY. DR. ASDRUBAL CALISTO, 37, FORMER DIRECTOR-GENERAL FOR TOURISM, HAS BEEN NAMED TO THIS POST.

2. MOST RADICAL CHANGE OCCURS IN MAKE-UP OF NATIONAL SALVATION JUNTA. ADDING GENERAL SPINOLA'S RESIGNATION TO REMOVAL OF GENERALS GALVAO DE MELO, DIOGO NETO AND SILVERIO MARQUES, FOUR OF ORIGINAL SEVEN MEMBERS MUST BE REPLACED. LISBON PRESS CARRIED REPORTS ON OCTOBER 7-8 THAT REPLACEMENTS WILL BE BRIG. CARLOS FABIAO AND LTCOL. FISHER LOPES PIRES FOR ARMY. LISBON MORNING DAILY SEculo SPECULATES THAT AIR FORCE DESIGNEES WILL BE BRIG. MIRANDA AND LTCOL. MENDES DA SILVA (NOT OTHERWISE IDENTIFIED), WITH FABIAO AND MIRANDA BEING NAED CHIEFS OF STAFF OF ARMY AND AIR FORCE RESPECTIVELY.

3. TWENTY-ONE MEMBER COUNCIL OF STATE IS AUTOMATICALLY AFFECTED BY REMOVAL OF ABOVE-NAMED MEMBERS OF JUNTA. IN ADDITION TO THESE VACANCIES, TWO OTHERS (FROM THE GROUP OF SEVEN "CITIZEN" MEMBERS) MUST BE FILLED. COL. RAFAEL DURAO AND LTCOL. ALMEIDA BRUNO, BOTH OF WHOM REPORTEDLY REFUSED PRESIDENT COSTA GOMES' REQUEST THAT THEY RECONSIDER THEIR REQUESTS TO RESIGN, HAVE LEFT COUNCIL AND RETURNED TO FORMER ASSIGNMENTS.

4. CURRENT MAKE-UP OF COUNCIL OF STATE CONSEQUENTLY IS AS FOLLOWS:

A) JUNTA MEMBERS: GEN. COSTA GOMES, ADMIRAL ROSA COUTINHO, UNCLASSIFIED

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ADMIRAL AZEVEDO;

B) MFA MEMBERS: LTCDR. CONTREIRAS, LTCDR. VITOR CRESPO, CAPT. JOSE PEREIRA PINTO (ALL ORIGINAL MEMBERS); LTCOL. CHARAIS, MAJOR CANTO E CASTRO, CAPTAIN PINTO SOARES, CAPTAIN CORREIA LOURENCO (ALL NAMED AFTER SECOND PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT TOOK OFFICE IN LATE JULY);

C) "CITIZEN" MEMBERS: DR. JOSE PERDIGAO, DR. RUI LUIS GOMES, PROF. ISABEL COLACO, PROF. DIOGO FREITAS DO AMARAL, AND

PROF. HENRIQUES DE BARROS.

5. OTHER NOTEWORTHY CHANGE: THE COMMISSION ON THE LIQUIDATION OF THE DGS/PORTUGUESE LEGION ORIGINALLY OPERATED UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF ADMIRAL ROSA COUTINHO. GENERAL GALVAO DE MELO SUBSTITUTED FOR THE ADMIRAL WHEN LATTER WAS NAMED TO HEAD JUNTA IN ANGOLA. ON OCT. 6 NEWLY NAMED SECSTATE FOR INFO CONCEICAO E SILVA ANNOUNCED THAT A NEW ORGANISM WOULD BE ESTABLISHED TO COORDINATE ACTIVITIES OF THIS COMMISSION AND TWO OTHERS (NATIONAL INVESTIGATION COMMISSION, SET U TO RECEIVE AND INVESTIGATE COMPLAINTS FROM PUBLIC CONCERNING ABUSES UNDER OLD REGIME, AND "RECLASSIFICATION" COMMISSION, SET UP TO PURGE CIVIL SERVICE OF PERSONS TIED TO FASCIST PAST). CONCEICAO E SILVA STATED THAT BRIG. OTELO SARAIVO DE CARVALHO, MILITARY GOVERNOR OF LISBON AND HEAD OF COPCON, WOULD HEAD NEW AGENCY.

6. BIO INFO ON NEW MEMBERS OF JUNTA/COUNCIL OF STATE WILL FOLLOW ONCE REPLACEMENTS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED. BIO ON CONCEICAO E SILVA BEING CABLED SEPARATELY.
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